

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-28 and 30-37 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 5-28 and 30-37 stands rejected. In this response, claim 37 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of pending claims if minor defects were resolved (Office Action, p. 2, 1/14/08).

Claim 37 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. The Examiner asserts that Claim 37 is identical to claim 6.

Applicants have canceled claim 37 without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3, 5-28 and 30-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 1 to replace "a plurality of the type-of-service parameters" with "a plurality of type-of-service parameters".

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is now allowable. Given that claims 3, 5-28 and 30-37 depend from amended claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 5-28 and 30-37 are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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